

25X1

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Military Information from EberswaldeEVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 25 October to 6 November 1953DATE OBTAINED 26 November 1953 DATE PREPAREDREFERENCES 25X1PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

25X1



25X1

25X1

25X1

1.                      on 6 November 1953, the Schuetzen Kaserne in Eberswalde was occupied to capacity. Intensive activity was observed in the barracks area. Numerous trucks were near the northeast gate. Source did not observe any vehicular traffic.
2.                      on 6 November, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied to capacity. All quarters were fully lighted after sunset. No training or vehicular traffic were observed on 30 October.
3. On 6 November, the cantonment on Braunscheidt Strasse was occupied to capacity. Sentries seen wore black-bordered black epaulets, including some with signal insignia and, on 1 November, blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Between 27 October and 6 November, source did not observe any training activity.
4. The following troop trains passed through Eberswalde, proceeding toward north:
  - a train with 12 x 132-mm rocket launchers with covered numbers and 6 boxcars occupied by troops at 10 a.m. on 27 October; and a train with 50 motor vehicles, allegedly including 6-wheel armored personnel carriers, and 3 boxcars occupied by troops in the morning on 4 November.
5. Between 27 October and 6 November, the following units picked up dairy products at the Eberswalde dairy: the Soviet hospital stationed in the Landesanstalt on Oderberger Strasse                      Unit Smolin                      and Unit Brikov, formerly Unit Polkowski
6. On 27 October, the military installations in Eberswalde were occupied to capacity. The Schuetzen Kaserne was still occupied by the headquarters.
7. Shipments which arrived in Eberswalde from the direction of Bad Freienwalde included:

26 October. A shipment of 9 x 132-mm rocket launchers, and 28 boxcars, occupied by about 1,100 troops wearing red-bordered black and black-bordered

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~

25X1

SECRET/

- 2 -

25X1 crimson epaulets, whom source believed to be recruits. [ ]

25X1 27 October. At 11:30 a.m., a shipment of 50 boxcars occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets and blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia; and red-bordered black epaulets with tank and motor transport insignia; and 2 kitchen cars. 2

[ ] 8. On 5 November, the Schuetzen Kaserne was occupied by about 4,000 troops, including a headquarters. Sentries observed there were red-bordered black epaulets. Beginning on 25 October, groups of 20 to 30 soldiers left the installation, mostly during the night, and departed from the railroad station, while groups of about 100 to 200 recruits arrived at the installation during the period mentioned. [ ] the first two buildings on Tranter Chaussee were being reoccupied. On 30 October, about 60 recruits practiced marching at the drill grounds and about 180 troops engaged in maintenance work in the ordnance shop and the garages. Radio truck [ ] and a factory-new radio truck [ ] were seen near the ordnance shop. At about 10:30 a.m., a 85-mm AA gun entered the installation. At 5:50 a.m. on 3 November, 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying baggage entered the installation. Source believed that the troops were recruits. On 4 November, 180 recruits drilled at the drill grounds and engaged in maintenance work in the ordnance shop and between the garages.

25X1 9. At 2 p.m. on 3 November, sedan [ ] occupied by a general, entered the west section of the Schuetzen Kaserne. At 2:30 p.m. on 5 November, sedan [ ] occupied by a general major, left the installation toward the town.

10. On 5 November, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by about 4,000 troops. At about 8 p.m. on 2 November, all garages were lighted. Noise of engines and maintenance work was heard. About 500 troops, presumably recruits, were seen drilling in the barracks yard.

11. On 5 November, the cantonment on Breitscheidt Strasse was occupied by about 500 troops. Sentries seen there wore blue-bordered black epaulets. On 1 November, about 26 trucks, 6 special trailers for telephone masts, and 35 soldiers were seen in front of the sheds in the barracks yard. About 180 troops, mostly wearing blue-bordered black epaulets and some black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia were seen in the barracks yard, watching a game of soccer at a nearby athletic field. 1

25X1 12. On 5 November, [ ] the fenced-in camp near Duesterwinkel Bruecke included 3 vehicle sheds, each for 15 to 30 trucks, and, in the rearward woods, 2 large sheds and several low wooden quartering buildings. 25X1 [ ] the sheds [ ] were occupied to capacity by motor vehicles. Trucks [ ] and 25X1 [ ] were identified en route to and from the installation. 3

25X1 13. On 26 October, a shipment of about 30 boxcars occupied by troops [ ] 25X1 [ ] believed to be recruits, and 100 troops lined up between the tracks were seen at the Eberswalde railroad station. The shipment had arrived from an eastern direction. [ ] 25X1 At 9:30 a.m. on 31 October, a shipment of 15 boxcars and 10 gondola cars carrying 10 x 85-mm AA guns, and without engine was seen at the station. 25X1

SECRET

25X1

SECRET/

- 3 -

At about 8 a.m. on 3 November, a shipment of 50 x 132-mm rocket launchers covered by tarpaulins arrived at Eberswalde from the direction of Bad Freienwalde. 2

14. On 28 October, the AAA emplacement at Westend was occupied as previously by 4 x 85-mm AA guns.

25X1

[redacted] Comment. The information does not indicate any change in the occupation of the installations mentioned over reports of late October.

25X1

[redacted] The air force units, which picked up dairy products, are known.

25X1

[redacted] Comment. Except for the personnel shipments and the shipment of 12 rocket launchers on 27 October, which cannot be accounted for, probably arrivals of equipment from the USSR. The 9 rocket launchers attached to a shipment of recruits may have been bound for the 25th Tank Div, as a similar shipment was unloaded in Oranienburg on 27 October. [redacted] The AT guns possibly belonged to a shipment of equipment assembled in Frankfurt/Oder on 30 October.

25X1

25X1

[redacted] Comment. Observations on 12 October tended to indicate that the cantonment at Dusterwinkelbruecke was occupied by units of the 3d Engr Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. [redacted]

25X1

SECRET/